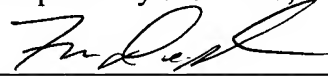


REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-29 and 31-34 are pending in the application, and claims 1 and 4-9 stand rejected. Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner's indication that claims 10-29 and 31-34 are allowed and that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten as suggested in the Office Action.

Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the claim rejections, by the above amendment, Applicants have placed the application in condition for allowance. In particular, the subject matter of canceled claim 2 (which is indicated as being allowable on Page 3 of the Office Action) has been incorporated into claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over the cited art of record. Claims 4-9 are patentable over the cited art of record at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim rejections is requested.

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